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August 19, 1984

Dear Geradine Ferraro,

Gustavus F. Swift, founder of Swift and Co. was fond of saying, "The secret of all great undertakings is hard work and self-reliance. Given these two qualities and a residence in the U.S.A., one has nothing else to ask for."

You have demonstrated your ability to work hard and be self-reliant, too. My heartiest congratulations on your most recent achievement, your nomination for Vice President! You and Mr. Mondale have my vote.

I am sure that if you could ask for anything today, it would be to be able to turn a hostile and relentless press corps into frogs.

The national reporters and their determination to undermine your efforts, notwithstanding, we who are sharing

you out in spirit know that you are a dynamite woman with dogged determination, hard driving energy, and just the right mix of experience to make the 1984 election the most exciting ever.

So much focus has been placed on your personal financial affairs by the media that it is still unclear what issues you expect to address in the campaign. Indeed, the President is vulnerable in so many areas that it must be difficult to narrow the subjects down to a manageable number.

Would expect that your strategy would include the environment and the whole array of the President's destructive policies. That slimy TV advertisement of Ann Burford's has to be the pits; but it gives you a golden opportunity for a counter attack on her and

The President's awful record on environmental affairs.

I am sure that you realize that there is a huge network of active and eager environmentalists strung all across our country. In so many of their publications, the editors are urging that it is more important than ever for environmentalists to get involved in this election year. They hunger for a candidate who is responsive to all those sensitive issues of toxic waste, water quality & management, grazing on public land, etc.

And aren't we all weary of almost four years of Reaganomics, abortion and school prayer? Besides being the most irresponsible President I can ever remember, he is just plain dull.

Abortion is a sickening remedy for a self-inflicted malady. When

When I hear Mr. Reagan preach his pious platitudes on that subject, I rage inside with the next question - If abortion is morally wrong (which I think it is) what about the alternative; the unwanted and unloved child that is born instead? Where are that child's rights once he or she has come into our world? Where is it written that such a child will be guaranteed protection from neglect and abuse?

The anti-abortion movement is strong and vocal and I applaud the effort, but it does not reach far enough. It is not enough to condemn abortion. We must make a sincere effort to provide for every unwanted child a place to live and grow and be educated in comfortable and cheerful surroundings.

Missing children, another grave concern. Their numbers increase by the thousands each year.

Our thirty-five year old daughter was alerted to this terror by the hospital staff after giving birth to her first child two years ago. Mothers in her age group live in constant fear of the possibility of their youngsters being stolen while visiting shopping malls, supermarkets or any place that attracts crowds.

The disgusting revelation of sexual abuse of little children left in day care facilities is a national scandal and a tragic blot on our escutcheon. Don't children deserve protection, too?

These are just some of my concerns along with the threat of nuclear war and our national budget deficit.

I hope that the enclosed check will help your campaign treasury. Even more, I'll pray every day that you will win in November, and that your election will be just as dozzling as your nomination!

If you ever get discouraged, just think of that upbeat title of Dr. Robert Schullers book, "Tough Times Never Last, Tough People Do"

Cheers!

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